



2004 Agency Award Winners

Environmental Stewardship

The Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes employees or teams who perform their job duties in a manner that results in a positive measurable or qualitative impact to the environment.

Individual Winner

Marni Solheim

**Solid Waste
Environmental
Specialist, ERO**

★ Marni demonstrates the spirit of this award by encouraging other staff to take part in ecological activities. Marni serves on the regional Sustainability Team to help in an effort to provide opportunities for staff to learn more about sustainable practices.



★ Marni has embraced an effort to provide an onsite composting to reduce Ecology's workplace wastes. This includes methods to compost biodegradable wastes from coffee grounds to shredded paper.

★ The nominator states "I am very inspired by Marni's actions and her ability to walk-the-talk."

Team Winners

**Matt Lang-Supervisor,
Shannon Kelley,
Esmael Lopez,
and Sofia Smith**

**King County
Ecology Youth Corps
Median Crew**

★ The quantitative impact of the work of this "fab four" included 13 tons of debris removed resulting in 75 miles of some of the busiest and dirtiest roadways in Washington to be cleaned up!

★ An excerpt from a Seattle Times article stated,



Matt



"As the coordinator for the EYC in the NW Region this year, I am so grateful for their efforts, attitude, and accomplishments; they have made my job immeasurably easier. Given their relatively low pay and benefits, I wish there was more I could do to recognize their accomplishments."

★ Most people who litter probably don't think about the sacrifices being made to clean up after them. The team was out there risking their lives to make the roadways safer and looking good! Way to go team!